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COKE ADDS LIFE WITH \$1.3m



Under 19 youth leagues will be formed in all States as part of the Australian Soccer Federation's Coca-Cola youth development programme outlined in Sydney yesterday (Tuesday).

Under the programme, Coca-Cola Bottlers will give the ASF at least \$270,000 in cash over the next three years.

The total value of Coca-Cola's backing of youth soccer over this period will amount to at least \$1.3 million.

Mr Robert Patterson, Australian Development manager of the Coca-Cola Export Corporation, handed a \$68,000 cheque to ASF president Sir Arthur George at the Hakoah Club yesterday as the contribution for the first year of the three-year programme.

Coke's State branches will spend about \$70,000 for back-up activities in the first year.

The ASF will get \$82,000 in cash and Coke branches will provide \$80,000 in back-up money during 1980.

In 1981, Coke will give the ASF, at least \$120,000 in cash and a similar amount will be spent by Coca-Cola bottlers on other activities that will link Coca-Cola with the tournament.

The cash Coca-Cola will give to the ASF will be spent on:

- establishing permanent under 19 State squads;

- starting under 19 Coca-Cola youth leagues in each State, starting next year, to assist the development of a national under 19 team for the 1981 world youth championships;

- organising training camps for State youth squads in each capital city;

- running training camps for the national under 19 squad;

- helping pay for the visit of national youth teams from overseas. The first visits will be by Uruguay in July and Yugoslavia in August;

- re-establishing a national schools competition to find the best school team in Australia;

- assisting the activities of the ASF's recently-appointed youth development officer, Mr Brian Emery.

The ASF will try to make sure that junior soccer at all levels is linked closely with the Coca-Cola trademark.

The sponsorship is in cash, unlike so many other sponsorships that are calculated perhaps on discounts or on how many insurance policies a club may sell.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

Many coaches don't know the basics — McKendry

By KYLE PATTERSON

The high rate of coach sackings in Australian soccer doesn't surprise Len McKendry, the Victorian State coach.

McKendry believes many coaches are ill-prepared for coaching, and so it's inevitable they will not find success.

"Coaches take positions at all levels but many don't have the ability to deal with the simple problems. In any walk of life, you must be prepared for the job."

"Coaching is about making players better, but senior coaches, even at high-standard club level, don't know the basics."

"A coach must understand the basic principles that when a player has the ball you must work on how to support him, and when a player loses the ball, work must be done on how to support him to win it back."

McKendry is currently the most successful State coach in Australia. Victoria was unlucky to lose 0-1 to Wales of Poland, but defeated South Australia 2-0. His next opponent is Norwich City on May 20.

McKendry obstinately disagrees with the common belief that a star player will automatically be a great coach once he has retired.

"Too many clubs take that approach," he said. "A player is often appointed as coach of a club as soon as his playing career is over."

"But nobody can become a good coach in a day, a week or a year. Even if a coach passes the best coaching courses, he must slowly learn how to use what he's been taught."

McKendry has an English F.A. coaching licence and is currently Victorian Director of Coaching under the Rothmans national coaching scheme.

He became a qualified

F.A. coach in 1973. He started working with juniors and later studied in Europe before coming to Australia three years ago.

McKendry says national coach Rudi Gutendorf must attain success for the future of Australian soccer.

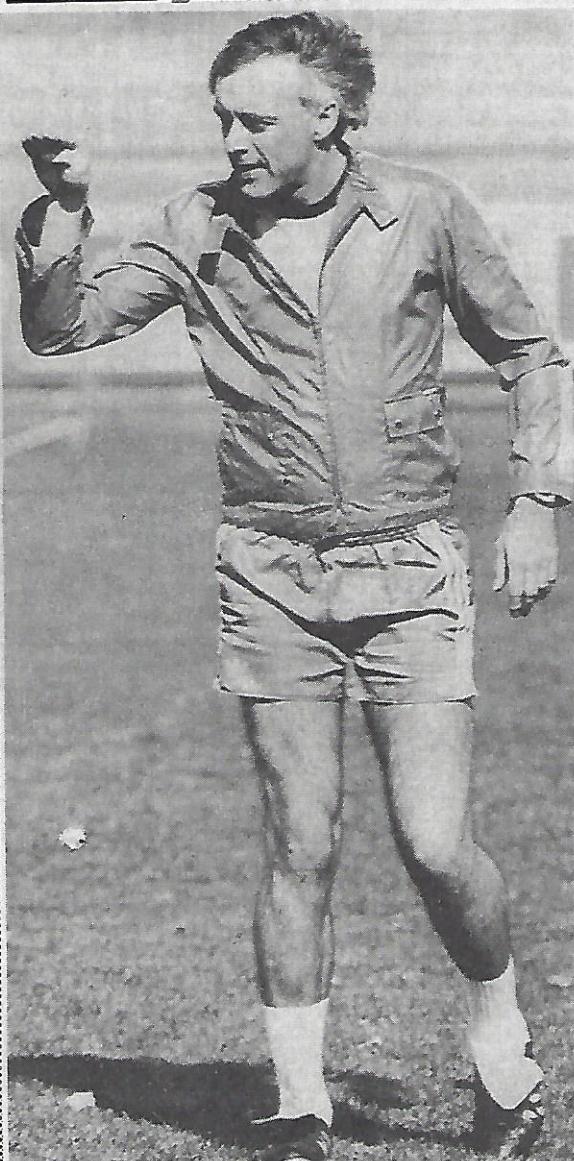
"Australia must reach the World Cup finals in Spain in 1982," he said. "Failure to do so would spell disaster."

"Many people say we haven't got the players but I don't believe that. Australia's population is the same as that of Holland and Hungary but both those countries are leading soccer nations."

"And then comes the old cry that soccer isn't the number one sport here. That's correct, but we do have the youngsters. The difference is Holland and Hungary have coaches to develop youngsters into top players, but Australia has not."

"That's the challenge. Australia has World Cup qualification would make the game bigger here and go a long way towards making us a good soccer nation."

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The man of the moment, Len McKendry, gives instructions during a coaching session with the Victorian squad.

GUTENDORF HAILS SOCCEROOS BOOK

National coach Rudi Gutendorf has hailed "The Socceroos and their Opponents" as the finest Australian soccer publication yet.

The book is published by "Soccer Action."

"It astounds me that a book had never been written about the national team before," he said.

"But this one has been worth waiting for."

"I have seen few books about national teams overseas that can compare with this one."

"It is of great help to me as national coach, because the statistics included in the book are available nowhere else."

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Kosmina's learned a lesson

John Kosmina has made mistakes. He admits it. His reputation has been tarnished, but he's going to change that. After all, that's why he is back in Australia.

Kosmina, 22, once of Polonia, West Adelaide City, Arsenal and now again of West Adelaide, reflected on his past and peered into the future in a frank interview.

He wants to re-trace himself in the top tier of Australia soccer, but more than anything else he wants to help Australia qualify for the 1982 World Cup. "That is the ultimate," he

says firmly, "it means more than winning the F.A. Cup."

When you're a big name like John Kosmina there will always be a minority which will attack you.

Adelaide City's Dixie Deans had the same problem last year when, in Deans' own words, malicious rumors started that "I was blind and finished as a player."

It is the sort of rumor that has hung like low level smog over Kosmina's career. Its density increasing with his success.

The rumors have been widespread, intense, vitriolic and highly inventive.

Any person with average hearing has heard them.

Kosmina had been back in Australia for only a few days when the rumors began to circulate again.

Of course they are all utterly ridiculous, and Kosmina is not in the least concerned about them.

"I really don't give a damn," he says. "They are so absurd they really are laughable."

Like a swift pass, the interview switches to those admitted mistakes.

"Well, there was a time when my attitude and approach to the game wasn't what it should have been," he said.

Time is running out, but one last question — which match with Arsenal does he consider his best?

"The EUFA Cup tie with Hajduk Split at Highbury was memorable," he says.

"We had lost 2-1 to Yugoslavia but won the return 1-0 to qualify."

"I played very well and it was a great feeling to do that in front of your home crowd."

"But, I'm in Australia now and my immediate ambitions are to help keep West Adelaide at the top and score as many goals as I can."

"I didn't prepare myself mentally and I believed I could go on the ground and play without any serious mental preparation."

"I was too confident and brash and my game suffered because of it."

"I suppose I came down to earth after I got sent off in that World Cup match against Kuwait."

"I deserved to get kicked off. I learnt a big lesson that day."

Kosmina left Australia in March last year to join Arsenal.

He says he learnt a lot in his 13 months there during which he played in the League game, three EUFA matches and sat on the bench five times.

But Kosmina says that from the day he arrived in England he knew he wouldn't stay longer than two seasons.

"The soccer was great but there's more to life than just that."

"I had difficulty settling down to the English life style and when the chance of returning to Australia came up I took it."

"I think I'm going to America at one stage but Australia is the place where I want to achieve my ambitions."



John Kosmina (right) pictured with Jimmy Rooney (centre, player of the year) and Rale Rasic (coach of the year) at the Australian Soccer Press Association award night in 1977. Kosmina was best under 21 player.

JUNIORS' PROGRESS

GLADDENS CEDO

Nothing gave Cedo Cirkovic more pleasure during his eight years as Footscray J.U.S.T. coach than the success of the young players who developed under him.

"It makes me feel good when I see young players who have worked with me playing well," Cirkovic said this week, after having resigned from the club he joined as a player in 1965.

"And when I see such young players being picked up by the State or national coach, then that is my biggest reward."

The latest of his protégés who may achieve representative honors is utility player Zoran Ilioski, 20.

"He can make it and he deserves success," Cirkovic said. "It would pay Rudi Gutendorf to keep an eye on him."

Cirkovic hopes to continue helping young players.

"I would like to have a coaching session for Juniors once a week at J.U.S.T.'s ground at Schinster Reserve in Footscray."

"I would invite all boys from local junior teams or local schools, and I would give my time free of charge."

"My aim would be to encourage skillful soccer and sportsmanship so that the boys get not only good players, but also good men."

Cirkovic spent all but one of his 14 seasons in Australia with J.U.S.T. In 1971 he became player-coach of Fitzroy-Alexander (Heidelberg) and, with the help of former J.U.S.T. players Vero Mladenovic and Milos Adamovic, he saved Alexander from relegation.

Alexander offered him its vacant coaching job last season, but he chose to remain loyal to J.U.S.T. although Alexander offered him a lot more money.

But last week Cirkovic finally stepped down, saying he wanted a rest from the pressures of coaching at top level.

Looking back over his many seasons as J.U.S.T. coach, Cirkovic agreed to name the best

Pocock Wests' coach

Ray Pocock has been appointed player-coach of Victorian First Division club Western Suburbs.

He replaced former South Melbourne Hellas star Jim Pyrgolios, who has resigned for personal reasons.

Pyrgolios won the 1971 Bill Fleming Medal as Victorian player of the year.

Pocock, former Victorian, NSW and Australian representative, was bought from Sunshine City earlier this year.

eleven players who have played under him and also an "all-star" opposition chosen from among Victorian players.

The J.U.S.T. line-up is:

Jimmy Millsavjevic — Andy Kazi, Jim Klaric, Jim Kondaros, Zdravko Lujic — Zoran Ilioski, Joe Pidioane, Frank Micle — mendo Ristovski, Slobodan Zoraja, Branko Buljevic, Reserves — Dennis Boland, Joe Palinkas, Slobodan Lukic, Marjan Lopatic.

The opposition eleven is:

— Jack Reilly (Alexander, Hellas) — Arthur McMillan (Alexander, Hellas), Steve Walker (Hellas), Jim Tansey (Alexander) — Jimmy Mackay (Hellas), Jim Campbell (Alexander, Hellas), Jimmy Rooney (Alexander) — Billy Vojtek (Croatia, Juventus), Jim Armstrong (Hellas), Gary Cole (Wilhelmina, Alexander).

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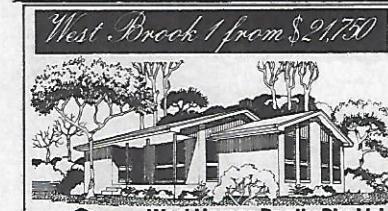
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THIS WEEK'S VOTES

ADELAIDE CITY 2 HEIDELBERG UTD 0. Ratings by Memo Toutsidis.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 8, Dodds 7, Perin 7, Muir 8, Nyekohus 7, Bear 7, Muniz 6, Northcote 8, Deans 7 (Marve Nyekohus 7, Kent 6).

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 7, McMillan 7, Tanssey 7, Bannon 6, Provan 7, Rooney 7, Taylor 7, Campbell 7, Bozikan 8, Cole 7, Buljevic 7.

BRISBANE LIONS 3 NEWCASTLE KB UTD 0. Ratings by Bruce Waddell.

LIONS — Lowndes 8, Hermiston 9, Bennett 8, Lawrie 8, Niven 8, Spearritt 6 (Wilson, 65th), Ontong 7, Russell 7, Lassle 7, Brennan 9, Hughes 7.

NEWCASTLE UNITED: Dando 6, Willis 6, Summerscales 6, Drinkwater 6, Curran 7, Seddon 7, Cowburn 6 (Senkalek 7/2nd), Trederrick 6, Heys 6 (Jones 7/2nd), Boden 6, Endacott 7.

FOOTSCRAY 0 SOUTH MELBOURNE 2. Ratings by Laurie Schwab.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland 6 — Rietz 8, Kondaros 9, Illoski 6, Hazbene 6 — Ruljevic 8, (Todorovic 75th), Picoane 5, Lujic 9 — Palinkas 6, Ollerton 5, Ristovski 6.

SOUTH MELBOURNE, Laumets 7 — Pye 8, Kalafatis 78, Baxter 8, Davidson 9 — Lutton 6, Wright 7, Christopoulos 6 — Drakeford 6, Evans 7, Campbell 6.

MARCONI 3 BRISBANE CITY 3. Ratings by Krat Werner.

MARCONI: Maher 6 — Berry 7, Bogen 7, Russell 7, Dugney 7 — Byrne 8, Henderson 8, Vieri 8 — Krat Werner 9, Marini 9, Sharne 8.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 6 — Perry 7, (Brusasco, 6 half time), Ratcliffe 8, Potter 8, Tokes 7, Wilkinson 8 — Geffrey 8, Echeverria 8, Plimblett 8 — Kelso 6, Low 8.

ST GEORGE 2 WEST ADELAIDE 0. Ratings by Alex Vosic.

ST GEORGE: Coe 8, Harris 8, Utješenovic 8.

Grose 9, R. O'Shea 8, John O'Shea 8, Katselos 9, Grav 6, Matic 7 (Cotton 48" — Hanman 74"), Morgan 6, O'Connor 8.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 7, Tymczyszyn 6, Pantaris 7, Koemina 7, Kambas 6, Jones 6, Boyle 6, Pillans 6 (Zervas 7 — 45"), Norris 7, Honeyman 6, Dooley 6 (McGregor 7 — 48").

SYDNEY CITY 2 APIA 3. Ratings by Tony Raciti.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 7 — Souness 7, Thomson 7, O'Connor 8, Bruce 8 — Campbell 8, Stevenson 7, Barnes 7 — Watson 8, Smith 8, Silve 8.

APIA: Woodhouse 7 — McAdam 7, Wilson 8, Pullen 7, Turnbull 8 (Skellern 77th) — Cuthbert 9, O'Donnell 7, Stone 7 — Butler 8, Reed 7, Rampant 8.

CANBERRA 1 SYDNEY OLYMPIC 3. Ratings by Peter Windsor.

CANBERRA: Hozowski 6, Mouille 7, Milovanovic 6, Hogg 8, Brown 7, Stark 8, Salgado 6 (Kavaleva, 70th minute), Cent 7, (Grujicic 85th), Davies 7, Fielding 7, Byrne 7.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Moles 8, McIntosh 7, Palmer 7, Bell 8, Wilson 8, Laing 8, Raskopoulos 8, Ainslie 8, Rowden 7, Scott 7 (Eaton 63rd), Jennings 8.

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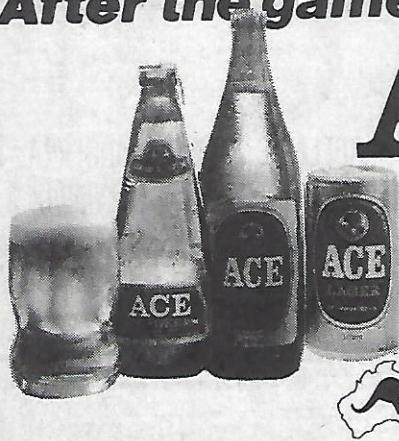
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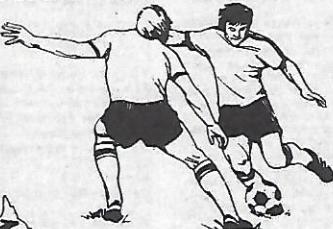
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7. Deans (AC).
6. Krcevic (Marc), Low (BC).
5. Sharne (Marc), Brennan (BLK).
4. Eaton (SO), Heys (Newc), Pliocene (Foots).
3. J. Nyakohus (AC), Reed (APIA), T. Byrne (Can), Ristovski (Foots), Buljevic (Heidelberg), Boden, Drinkwater (Newc), P. O'Connor, J. O'Shea (St. G), Stevenson, Barnes (SC).

Victorian clubs busy

Heidelberg and Footscray will each play twice within four days because their Philips Cup match has been scheduled for next Wednesday.

The Cup match between the local rivals has to be played mid-week at Olympic Park because the weekend of May 19-20 is reserved for Victoria's clash with Norwich City.

Richards' big day

Ray Richards faces one of the biggest challenges of his soccer career when he returns to his old stamping ground, Marconi Oval, on Sunday.

It was at Marconi that the man of the long throw became a soccer giant. He was in the team when it won promotion to the NSW First Division and he was a dominant player during his glorious international career. He was even named coach of Marconi.

Richards disappeared from the Marconi team last year after a row with the then coach, Rayistic, and transferred to APIA after some pre-season training with Marconi this year.

On Sunday, he will confront Marconi as the new coach of APIA, having replaced Jim Adam who resigned on Sunday.

Marconi are on top of the table with the highest goals tally in the league. APIA is on a winning streak and if Richards can inspire his new team to a victory over his old team, his job as "temporary" coach will almost certainly become a permanent appointment.

APIA hopes to have English striker Elwyn Roberts cleared for their match and Marconi coach Mark Jankovic will have recovered from injury. Ian Frakalo is back after suspending his career.

Adam said this week he was grateful to the APIA club and to president Nick Papallo for the support they had given him.

"APIA is an excellent club that deserves to be successful," Adam said.

"The players are of high character, particularly Peter Wilson who has been tremendous help in stabilizing the team."

The addition of Jim Dempsey from Hamilton Academicals and Elwyn Roberts from Bedford will further strengthen the team.

The foundations have been laid and I am confident APIA will go on to finish in the top four," Papallo said. "There are now no transfer requests from players."

Socceroo Peter Stone had requested a transfer but Jim Adam denied that. Wilson had also sought a move.

Canberra City, delighted at the signing of former Liverpool ace Ian Campbell from Melbourne United on Sunday, determined to make amends for its loss to Sydney Olympic last weekend.

Canberra beat Heidelberg last year but the Melbourne team is better than its standing on the ladder may suggest.

The defence held Adelaide City scoreless until mid-way through the second half before losing 0-2 last weekend, and Andy Bobitas created a lot of problems for Jim Marshall.

Canberra's defence is not as strong as Adelaide City's so Heidelberg fans are hoping that Branko Buljevic, Gary Cole, Jim Campbell and Bobitas realise their goalscoring potential at last.

The West Adelaide vs Footscray match is virtually a fight for survival. Despite a massive wage of \$40,000 striker John Kausman from Arsenal, West Adelaide has scored only five goals all season.

Footscray's defence has been one of the most vulnerable in the league, so if West Adelaide doesn't score on Sunday, it may never score again. But Footscray will be just as desperate, for it doesn't start winning again soon, it may find itself falling closer and closer to the bottom of the ladder as South Melbourne, Brisbane Lions and St. George improve.

Footscray looked much better last year when it played a disciplined counter-attack game based on Joe Puskas, Michael Carroll and Jon Picture. Footscray has drawn on the services of two new appointments to add a bit of strike like a touch of oil and that style would probably serve Footscray best.

South Melbourne Hellas has notched two wins out of three games under new coach Duncan McKay but despite the fine form of Alan Davidson and the other defenders, Hellas' winning run is likely to be ended by Adelaide City at Middle Park on Sunday.

Building the most efficient defence in the league - it hasn't conceded a goal for five weeks - Adelaide City plays the counter-attack game which was Footscray's trademark last year.

Big Jim Muir is the outstanding stopper in the league. John Best has re-emerged as an important member of the Marconi team and appeared to be over and coach Rasic has transformed Brian Dodd from a winger into a fast, aggressive, overlapping right back. The virtues of left back Bucky Nykhusus are well known to all.

Against this back four, reinforced by the retreating midfield, even the great Alan Evans will find it difficult to break through.

Heidelberg has been negotiating for a few Victorian State league players, including striker Michael McLean of the Melbourne United. If the negotiations are successful, we may see at least one new face in the Hellas line-up on Sunday.

Newcastle KB United has fallen on hard times but coach Alan Vest will have his players revved up and determined to make amends for two successive losses when they meet Sydney City at the International Sports Centre on Sunday.

Bill Smith, the former Newcastle coach, will be trying to score more highly than they did last Sunday when Tom Brennan managed a hat-trick for Brisbane Lions. Terry Smith, equal top scorer in the league, is even more deadly than Brennan and will sink Newcastle single-handedly if given half a chance.

St. George, split into two by coach Alan Fenton, faces a difficult task when it meets Melbourne City, which will be well prepared before resuming its climb up the ladder.

Sydney Olympic finally won again last weekend and will be trying to control new Socceroo Tony Brennan and shackle the creativity of Jim Hamilton. It should notch another win against Brisbane Lions at Pratten Park on Sunday. - LAURIE SCHWAB

This week's Philips League games, with likely winners in capitals:

IN NEWCASTLE

Newcastle KB Utd v SYDNEY CITY, International Sports Centre, Saturday, 2.30 pm.

IN SYDNEY

APIA-Leichhardt v MARCONI, Wentworth Park, Sunday, 3 pm

SYDNEY OLYMPIC v Brisbane Lions, Pratten Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

IN MELBOURNE

South Melbourne v ADELAIDE CITY, Middle Park, Sunday, 3 pm

HEIDELBERG UTD v Canberra, Olympic Park, Sunday, 3 pm

IN ADELAIDE

West Adelaide v Footscray (draw), Hindmarsh Stadium, Sunday 2.30 pm.

IN BRISBANE

BRISBANE CITY v St George, Perry Park, Sunday 3 pm

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The Yugoslav combination that beat a Socceroo selection 4-2 last week in a charity match for Yugoslav earthquake victims, standing from left: Kodor, Buljevic, Utješenović, Čirković (coach), Jovčić, Djurišić, Čirio, Mihajlović. Front: Prakalo, Ristovski, Radovac, Lukić, Matic, Ilišić, Prgometić, Buljević. Buljević, best on the ground, scored two goals, the others coming from Ristovski and Matic. Hell and Baxter scored for the Socceroos. More on page 3. Picture by ALEX VESIC

Canberra gets Callaghan

England's player of the year in 1973-74, Liverpool's veteran Ian Callaghan, has been signed by Canberra City.

Callaghan is expected to arrive in Australia within the next fortnight. Canberra City's president, Charles Perkins, said that Dunlop Footwear had underwritten the cost of bringing Callaghan and his family to Australia.

"We think Callaghan can do great things for Canberra City," said Perkins. "Most of all we believe he will make as well as get goals and that's what City needs."

Callaghan is a legend to Marsey-side soccer fans in the UK.

He played a phenomenal 350 times for Liverpool.

Because of his great service, Callaghan was given a free transfer to Third Division side Swansea a season ago. Now Swansea has gained promotion to the second division.

Said Perkins: "At 37, Callaghan is still fit and we hope he will make his future in Australia."



Ian Callaghan

Youth titles start

The national under 18 championships kick off in Melbourne at Monash University on Monday (May 14).

The eight States and territories have been divided into two groups. They are: GROUP A - ACT, South Australia, Western Australia, Queensland, N.S.W. GROUP B - Victoria, N.S.W., Queensland and Tasmania.

The semi-finals will be played under lights at Olympic Park on Thursday, May 17 and the final at the same venue under lights on Friday May 18.

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**MARCONI 3**
BRISB. C. 3

Scorers: Marconi: Krncic
2, Mariani; Brisbane City: Low
2, Gaffney.
Ground: Marconi Oval.
Crowd: 1575.

Philips League leader Marconi threw away a precious point against Brisbane City at Marconi Stadium.

After taking a 3-1 lead by half-time Marconi relaxed in the second half allowing City to fight back and get the equaliser.

On the attack from the outset, Marconi seemed set for a big win as they completely outplayed City.

In the eighth minute teenage striker Eddie Krncic put them in front when he smashed the ball into the net from 10 metres from a pass by Mike Berry.

For the remainder of the game Krncic was unlucky not to score again when his lob over the keeper's head was cleared by City defender Steve Perry.

Against the run of play Brisbane City equalised when Billy Wilkinson on the wing sent a through pass into the goal mouth for Kevin Low to score from five metres out.

However Marconi took the upper hand and Bertie Maniani put them ahead again in the 30th minute with a superb header from a free kick.

Krncic put Marconi further ahead in the 36th minute with a cannon-ball shot from 20 metres giving the goalkeeper no chance to save.

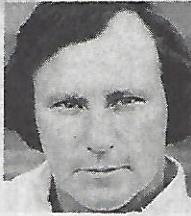
Poor finishing cost Marconi two quick goals after the interval, in each case involving Krncic.

Off the hook from these two misses, City hit back strongly in the 77th minute.

First Larry Gaffney raced through to score a goal from close range which the referee allowed after consultation with the linesman.

Then, 20 seconds later, Kevin Low put the ball into the net for the equaliser after Marconi goalkeeper Allan Maher had spilled a pass from Roberto Vieri.

Marconi hit back again towards the end of the game but the points were lost as City stacked its defence.

**Gutendorf angers Chaldi**

Sydney City coach Gerry Chaldi was reacted angrily to Rudi Gutendorf's claim that PSL players are not fit enough (see page 3).

Chaldi, the 1978 Coach of the Year, described Gutendorf's remarks as "totally and completely unfair."

"Club coaches will help Rudi with pleasure because they all want to see a good national team," Chaldi said.

"However, if he has complaints about players' fitness, should contact the coaches like he did at the outset of his appointment, and talk things over with them."

"It is very disturbing to see him rush into print without in any way consulting with the coaches. That is not the way to foster a good understanding between him and the club coaches who all have the same aim — to make Australia competitive at international level."

Chaldi said Gutendorf should be aware that club coaches try to do their best under circumstances completely different to those enjoyed by Gutendorf when he takes players into a full-time training camp.

He added PSL coaches had their players in training only three nights a week on the average for only a few hours at a time.

"It should also be remembered that when the players arrive at training sessions they already have done a full day's work in their respective jobs," Chaldi said.

— PETER SCOTT

Soviet victory

MOSCOW — The Soviet Union beat Australia 3-0 in their friendly international match.

Half-time score was 2-0. Scorers:

Koritsa, Shengelia and Khidaysatdin.

**FOOTSCRAY 0**
STH MELB 2

Scorers: Lutton 14th, Wright 50th.

Ground: Olympic Park.
Weather: Warm and sunny.
Crowd: 7050.

Referee: Bambridge 8, Kalafatidis (SM).

"This was not particularly inspiring stuff but for South Melbourne's Hells supporters it was at least encouraging."

The back four — especially left back Alan Davidson — played exceptionally well, but then the Footscray J.U.S.T. attack didn't much beating.

Peter Ollerton was easy meat for Stuart Baxter and Paulinkas and Mendo Radojicic did not have a flinch.

Palinkas, usually J.U.S.T.'s main avenue of attack due to his great speed, found Davidson just as fast, but then Palinkas did not have as many flanks runs as usual. He is dangerous when his speed away on through balls, but in this game he stayed from his wing, his crosses were predictable and he was never dangerous.

However, Ristovski looked a little better than he had in previous games and may be on his way back to form.

Hells left a lot to be desired in midfield, although Sammy Wright showed greater commitment. Also, more bite is needed in attack, as it is against the likes of the return of Duncan Cummings who sat on the bench against J.U.S.T.

All that can be said of J.U.S.T. is that Zdravko Lujic worked his guts out trying to get things moving from midfield, Jim Koniaris battled like a trojan in defence and also coming forward, and right back Andrija Ristic showed improvement.

Yugoslav imports Slobodan Jovanicic and Radoslav Jovovic were out of the team, Palinkas was suspended and Cummings was in.

J.U.S.T. had the better of the first play. In the eighth minute Joe Picioane in midfield robbed George Christopoulos of the ball and sent it through for Joe Palinkas. Aided by a deflection off a defender, Palinkas raced towards goal but keeper Peter Laumes came out well to smother.

But the hopes of the J.U.S.T. supporters were dashed in the 14th minute when Bertie Lutton accepted the ball on his right foot, switched it to his left and whipped it into the net from about 20 metres.

Zoran Iloski, who was playing sweeper for J.U.S.T., clashed heavily with Davidson who was making a foray up the right flank, and Iloski went down in pain. The sweeper jumped the fence and took a swipe at Davidson as Iloski was getting treatment, but it didn't worry Davidson, who continued to be the best player field.

Iloski seemed not to recover fully. Usually a precise, tidy player, he made uncharacteristic mistakes after the clash.

Just after that incident, George Campbell crossed the ball after a stylish interchange with Ken Drakeford. Alun Evans turned on the ball and beat it but Boland deflected it against the post.

Then a long ball to Boland out of defence went to Boland out of the ball, Boland kept pressure on him and Evans was forced to shoot off balance, making it relatively easy for Dennis Boland to save.

Hells scored its second goal just five minutes after half time. When Sammy Wright played the ball from the right wing, about 30 metres out, he intended it as a cross, rather than a shot at goal. However, it sailed over Boland's head and bounded into the net off the far post.

Boland, back-peddling firmly, collided with the post in his panic and had to receive treatment.

Then came a period of considerable pressure by J.U.S.T., a period during which Laumes showed off his sharply-honed reflexes.

First the young goalkeeper put a header by Koniaris over the bar and then, lying on the ground, managed to get one hand at a shot by Ristovski who had run into the penalty area on an angled ground pass from Mirko Ruljevic.

Ollerton sent a long ball inside with Laumes stranded and way out of position. Ollerton shot at the open goal but connected badly and put the ball across goal, into a pack of players. Koniaris was there to have a go but his attempt was cleared off the line.

Ristovski was headed goalwards in another raid but Chris Kalafatidis brought him down and was shown the yellow card.

Now it was Hells' turn to apply pressure and, in a late frenzy of activity, Hells could have added at least two more goals. First a shot by Drakeford was sent spectacularly by Boland flying to the top corner, then Boland flew again to deflect a shot by Christopoulos.

**ST. GEORGE 2**
W. ADEL. 0

Ground: St George Stadium
Attendance: 1768.

Referee: Tim Davies 8
Goals: John O'Shea, O'Connor (SG).

"There was a lot of spirit in this team and this is the secret formula for our win," said an elated Raul Blanco after St George had notched its second win of the season and given its new coach the appropriate welcome to the Philips League.

And Blanco was correct. That defence that used to crack so easily in previous games gave up 100% to George and Robert O'Shea. Tapping picking up the loose ball as well as an attacker, St George built a formidable wall for the skilful and fast forwards of West Adelaide.

Only once during the entire 90 minutes did the visitors crack the home side's defence and on that occasion John Kosmina failed to convert from less than seven metres following a good cross by Graham Honeyman. It was in the 67th minute and St George was leading 2-0.

The game went strictly "a gainst the wind". Playing against a moderate, sometimes strong breeze, St George played better football in the first half to race to a 2-0 lead but failed to achieve the same superiority with the wind at its back in the second half. In fact it was all West Adelaide in the second half, with St George defending and rarely venturing into the opponents' half.

Despite the bright opening by St George, West Adelaide was the first to create a chance that failed to fall to Norris. With Martin O'Connor and Norris chasing, Norris got to the ball first but only fractionally, which gave O'Connor a good chance to block the shot. 1-0: with 20 minutes gone, St George forced a corner. A long floating cross from the right was partially cleared, the ball rolling outside the box to the feet of Johnny O'Shea who wasted no time in slamming a great shot just inside the post to give his team the lead.

2-0. Four minutes later St George made its second. After O'Connor had scored, Alex Ponigras two reasons to smile. It was a great move by two of St George's fast forwards and also goal that sealed the win for the Saints. Phil O'Connor, the new Socceroo, who the man who tormented both fullbacks in this game, decided to go in field before crossing the ball for Stefan Matic some 35 metres from goal and close to the edge of the pitch. Matic returned the favour by slotting the ball behind two defenders for O'Connor to pick up, then easily beat David Jones before hitting a low drive just inside the post.

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Despite its territorial advantage, West Adelaide never seriously threatened Coe's goal and only once in the space of 45 minutes managed to create space for Kosmina to shoot, but his shot from some seven metres was weak and Coe managed to dive to his left and save.

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Two minutes later, Hughes lunged forward to head a Laszlo backline cross wide, then United hit back after a long break but Boden's long range effort was easily dived on by Lowndes.

Curran sent Endacott flashing down the left touchline and he cut in well and crossed perfectly from the backline but it traversed un-touched through the Lions' goalmouth.

That was the end of the United initiative and it remained for Brennan to add his third, seven minutes from time, following another Hermiston sprint down the penalty spot.

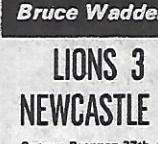
Carruthers notched the winning goal in the last minute with an unstoppable 25m drive which left Clarke groping.

A fair result would have been a draw, as the quality of the game was high considering the mud and slush conditions the players had to play in.

APIA achieved their win by reducing the brilliance of Joe Watson and Hilton Silva on the flanks.

The main architect of APIA's win was Carruthers in a game that gave fans five great goals, non-stop attack from both sides and loads of goalmouth incidents.

His 90-minute non-stop running and grafting in midfield where he fought tirelessly for possession and distributed accurately, gave APIA the authority they had been lacking in previous games this season.

**LIONS 3**
NEWCASTLE 0

Scorer: Brennan 37th, 65th, 83rd.

Ground: Perry Park.
Weather: Clear after shower.

Referee: Peter Rampling 10.
Cautions: Nil.

National squad strike Tony Brennan produced the first Queensland hat-trick of the season when his great finish helped Brisbane Lions crush Newcastle KB United 3-0.

It was only Newcastle's second defeat and they are obviously in the middle of a drastic form slump although on recent form, Lions seemed hardly the team to inflict further punishment.

But a few team changes completely changed Lions' outlook.

It must be remembered that although the Lions had not won for some time, they had been going in the right direction in most of their games.

Ian Lawrence played sweeper alongside Col Bennett, enabling Jim Adam to switch out to rightback and what a difference it made to Lions' attack, with the Scotsman playing a leading role in Brennan's second and third goals.

Paul Ontong lifted the Lions' midfield with Neil Endacott, Russell Morris, Russell and Novakovic overall, were grossly disappointing and made little headway up front against the Lions' backline.

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It was by far the best game seen in Sydney for a long time.

It was a pity the crowd was not bigger, owing to the fact that it rained on and off all week.

APIA were given little hope of beating the well-drilled City outfit.

Lions' sweeper Terry Smith opened the scoring with an overhead kick inside the box, finishing off a move started by Ernie Campbell and Murray Barnes 15m into their own territory.

United looked up to the task and responded with a brilliant second half goals from Addy Muniz and Carruthers.

United's best player was Cole, who scored a goal in the 65th minute when he beat the keeper to notch his second of the game.

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**SYDNEY C. 2**
APIA 3

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Ground: Wentworth Park.

Crowd: 2835.
Referee: Richard Lorenc.

7 Weather: rain all day.

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After beginning aggressively, Canberra looked really good, and after only five minutes Sydney Olympic's goalkeeper Gary Meier showed great agility for a big man in getting down to hold a well-placed free kick from Luis Salgado.

Canberra was even putting play together in intelligent, neat, one-two movements.

But it's goals that count and these didn't come.

And just eight minutes from the break a defensive blunder gave the visitors their first goal. A floated cross should have been cleared but one Canberra defender did so.

"Thank you" said Olympic's centre-back Ken Wilson as he rose high for the free header which he placed well-wide of Canberra's Steve Hoszowski.

Earlier the play had become tough and rugged with two Olympic players booked. They were Derek Laing and Billy Palmer.

Canberra began the second half as they did the first aggressively.

Meier was in action early saving magnificently from Paul Fielding. Within sixty seconds when the ball was played to the post for a corner.

Six minutes after the change-round and Fielding was badly upended on the edge of the box, and from the free-kick John Davies just missed with a good attempt.

Canberra looked as though they could be out on the park for the proverbial month of Sundays without finding the net.

Not so Olympic. In the 81st minute when it was wetter yet another attack cleared to the mid-field, then to the forwards and Graham Jennings was on hand to beat Hoszowski.

It looked all bar the shouting when the crowd was already leaving when Jonny Davies was upended in the box and Ivan Grujic converted the resultant 84th minute penalty.

Could Canberra achieve a draw? This question every Canberra fan must have asked themselves at that moment.

Olympic quickly gave the answer.

Canberra, with no choice, threw everything into attack and Olympic took advantage.

An attack was broken up, a defender punted downfield and Laing's shot was deflected to Clive Eaton — a 83rd minute replacement for Andy Scott. He took his chance well and beat Hoszowski with a first-time attempt.

It was certainly all over but for the shouting, the jeers, the booing and utter derision of the Canberra fans.

They had come up short and witnessed a debacle.

Even victory away next week won't totally make amends. Although it would help, Canberra must treat its fans to a long-awaited home victory.

**ADELAIDE C. 2**
HEIDELBERG 0

Goals: Perin 63, Muniz 82.

Ground: Olympic Sports Field.

Crowd: 4,620.
Referee: Desir (Adelaide City) McMillan (Heidelberg).

7 Weather: rain all day.

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Canberra made all of the running. They couldn't find the net. In fact when it did find it was from the penalty spot just six minutes from time.

Why is it, though, that Canberra so consistently plays badly at home? It's as if its own bogey was the team's own fans!

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JORDAN OR RITCHIE?

Tough choice for FA Cup final

From JIM COOK
our European correspondent

Success in Saturday's F.A. Cup final will be the finest achievement in a new era for Manchester United under the astute management of Dave Sexton.

If United defeats Arsenal, Sexton will finally win over the Manchester fans, who have watched patiently while he gave the famous club a facelift.

In short, Sexton has mellowed the once-flamboyant Manchester Utd, which was a highly-dangerous undertaking.

Dangerous because in the past decade United's fans have seen some brilliant individuals, Best, Law and Charlton, among them.

These skilful magicians were a trademark of Manchester Utd. Yet when Sexton sold ace winger Gordon Hill to Derby County not long after joining the club, the fans were shocked. Hill was the nearest they had come to seeing a new Best, Law or Charlton, and suddenly he was gone.

Gerry Daly, a skilful midfielder, was also sold to Derby County. As well as individuals leaving the club, so did the brush-on-field style, replaced by Sexton's predecessor Tommy Docherty.

Sexton is an avid fan of continental football. He admired and studied the Dutch and West Germans and this influence had a big bearing on United. Manchester Utd is no longer a team containing brilliant individuals. The club has some great players, but they play more like a continental team than any other United combination.

Sexton's only concession to the fans was the buying of Welsh winger Micky Thomas who is in the mould of Hill.

But generally speaking, United is a more controlled team than the one which took the field against Liverpool in the 1977 F.A. Cup final.

Arsenal returns to Wembley with bitter memories. Last year's final against Ipswich Town was a tough

forgettable for Arsenal this time. No team that has returned to Wembley this year after a defeat and lost.

Arsenal's reputation was smeared a little at Wembley last season and manager Terry Neil is sure to use this to spur his players on.

The final should be a classic as Arsenal and Manchester Utd are two of the most famous and powerful clubs in Britain.

Let's take a look at the teams —

MANCHESTER UTD

Gary Bailey — Bailey is a youngster who broke into the side only this season. He was third choice behind Alex Stepney and Paddy Roche, but won a place when Stepney retired and Roche lost form. Even then, Sexton wasn't sure about Bailey and rumours suggested that Argentina World Cup goalkeeper Ubaldo Fillol would join Manchester. However, Bailey secured his place with brilliant and consistent form.

Jimmy Nicholl — Capped for Northern Ireland and is noted for his aggressive play from full back.

Arthur Albiston — Won the left back spot from Stuart Houston last season and has held his place. He likes to join in the attack.

Donald McQueen — McQueen transferred from Leeds Utd for 500,000 pounds. He has represented Scotland many times, and played in the World Cup. Has great ability in the air and is dangerous when joining the attack for set-piece plays. A tough



Manchester United's 1977 FA Cup-winning team. Standing (left to right) — Jimmy Nicholl, Arthur Albiston, official, Tommy Cavanagh (trainer), David McCreary, Martin Buchan, Laurie Brown (coach), Tommy Dockerty (manager). Middle row — Brian Greenhoff, Jimmy Greenhoff, Alex Stepney. Front — Stuart Pearson, Sammy McIlroy, Steve Coppell, Lou Macari, Gordon Hill.

tackler, McQueen is well over six feet tall.

Martin Buchan — One of the longest serving players in the current squad. He joined Utd from Aberdeen, and has represented Scotland many times. He plays sweeper behind McQueen.

Sammy McIlroy — Plays in midfield and is quick and agile. Has been with Utd for several years.

Lou Macari — Joined Manchester from Glasgow Celtic and is a spirited fighter in midfield. Has represented Scotland.

Brian Greenhoff — Missed Utd's semi-final against Liverpool because of injury and was replaced by Macari. He used to play centre half, the position in which he won England selection. Has played in midfield since McQueen's arrival.

Jimmy Greenhoff — One of the most under-rated strikers in Britain. Played for Stoke for many years before joining his brother Brian at Utd. Many people saw this as a strange move because of Greenhoff's age but he is playing better than ever.

Joe Jordan — A man-of-many-strengths. His strength is his ability to hold the ball and his frightening physical power. Joined Utd from Leeds in a 500,000 pounds deal, and has represented Scotland in two World Cups.

Andy Ritchie — Ritchie burst into the first team with a flurry of goals, and is pushing Jordan for his place. An agile striker, Ritchie will develop into one of Manchester's stars.

Steve Coppell — Came from the obscurity of Third Division football with Tranmere, and has

been an instant success with Manchester Utd. Has been with the club several years, during which time he won England honors. A winger, he has a tremendously high work rate, and will worry Arsenal.

Micky Thomas — A small tricky winger who was bought from Welsh club Wrexham. Plays mostly on the left side, where his pace and ball skills worry all defenders.

ARSENAL

Pat Jennings — Possibly the best goalkeeper in Britain behind Peter Bonetti of Newcastle.

The Northern Ireland international is making mockery of Spurs, which gave him away two seasons ago. Spurs was promptly relegated and Jennings showed brilliant form.

Pet Rice — Experienced full back, having played many international games with Northern Ireland. A tenacious tackler, Rice is dangerous when he goes on overlapping runs.

Sammy Nelson — Arsenal's third Northern Ireland international. Has been with the club for many years, but only a regular first team player for the last six. Like Rice, Nelson leaves to join in the attack.

Willie Young — Like Jennings, was signed by Spurs but has gone on to be a constant and vital player with Arsenal. His ability in the air is great, although he looks cumbersome at times. Has represented Scotland and was given a life ban after an incident in Denmark.

David O'Leary — Came through Arsenal's youth set-up and has developed into a classy defender. The tall Eire international is a confident sweeper, and will improve even more.

Liam Brady — The general of the Arsenal team. His cutters left foot can split open a defence, and he has remarkable authority for a relatively young player. Has represented Eire may times and will be closely marked by Manchester.

Brian Talbot — Won an F.A. Cup winner's medal with Ipswich last season before transferring to Arsenal. His work rate is incredible and he can be a driving force in midfield.

David Price — An Arsenal youth graduate who has slowly made a name for himself. He plays in midfield, and attacks from there.

Steve Gatting — Still a teenager, but was called into action when Brady was injured. Played in the F.A. Cup semi-final because Brady was out and was impressive. He could hold his place if Brady isn't fit in time.

Alan Sunderland — Came from Wolves and is an explosive player. He plays alongside Frank Stapleton on the forward line and is an elusive player. Has a tremendous shot, and will do the unexpected.

Andy Rice — A left-sided midfield or forward who has been in and out of the Arsenal team. A fast, skilful player with ability to beat men inside a yard.

Frank Stapleton — Served an apprenticeship alongside Malcolm Macdonald, but has now taken over Macdonald's role as the number one striker. Macdonald is injured but Stapleton has made up for his absence. A tall player, he is dangerous in the air and sharp around the penalty area.

Sixton has two selection decisions to make. In midfield he has Sammy McIlroy, Lou Macari and Brian Greenhoff battling for two places, and up front has the choice of Andy Ritchie and Joe Jordan for a striker's role.

The decision on Ritchie and Jordan is vital. If Jordan is included, Utd's style includes far more high balls to make the most of Jordan's strength in this department.

If Ritchie gets the nod, Utd will be playing early balls to the feet of Ritchie and Jimmy Greenhoff, two front men deadly on the turn.

If Jordan plays, his battle with Willie Young will be gruelling and have a big bearing on the match. Both Scotsmen are giants.

Arsenal hopes Brady is fit, and if he can escape any plan Utd has of stopping him. Also, Arsenal was caught napping so long ago, played it tight on all backs Nelson and Rice, preventing them from attacking and taking a lot of sting out of Arsenal.

Record — Arsenal has appeared in eight finals for four victories. Manchester Utd has won the cup three times from six appearances.

The live telecast will start at 11.30 pm.

Giants to grapple, Cruyff to Cosmos

From JIM COOK

Real Madrid is putting up the Bernabeu Trophy in honour of its late president for a four-club super-league tournament with fixtures to be played between August and December. Other than Real, Bayern Munich, Ajax and Liverpool were invited to take part. These four have proved the kingpins of Europe by winning European Cup 14 times between them. Liverpool has declined in Europe due to commitments and now Manchester United may take over.

The four Welsh clubs, Cardiff City, Swansea City, Wrexham and Newport County are considering entry into the UEFA Cup. Wales, apart from Lichtenstein, is the only European soccer nation not represented in the competition.

Peter Bonetti, 37, recalled to the relegated Chelsea side hopes to chalk up his 800 appearances for the Pensioners before quitting at the end of the season. Bonetti was playing for Chelsea before some of his present team-mates were born.

Johan Cruyff has reached agreement for a one-year contract with New York Cosmos, according to a report from Amsterdam. The report said that the price was lower than the four million dollars Cruyff had been offered for two years.

Soccer could disappear from British TV screens altogether next season unless agreement is reached between BBC and ITV and the Football League. The media have offered a 10 million pounds deal for four years, whereas the Football League wants a two-year deal at 2.5 million pounds a year. Clubs will vote on the issue at the League AGM this summer.

Hennes Weisweller, the Cologne F.C. manager, is the highest paid boss in West German soccer at 60,000 pounds a year.

Motherwell, managed by the infamous Ally McLeod and relegated from the Scottish Premier League, will keep its players on a full-time basis in the First Division even though it means incurring a six-figure loss.

Argentine club Talleres de Corodoba has bought the unsettled Alberto Tarantini from Birmingham for about 250,000 pounds — about the same price as Birmingham paid for him last October.

Derby County is interested in Atik Ismail, the 23-year-old Finnish striker born in Helsinki of Turkish parents, ten scorer for HJK and the man who scored the winning goal in Finland's 2-1 European championship win over Hungary.

Bob Houghton, the 32-year-old Englishman who as manager has taken Swedish club Malmoe to the European Cup final against Notts Forest, has been five years with the club which in that time has won the Swedish League and cup three times. Houghton, who was a little-known player with Fulham and Brighton, was youth coach at Ipswich Town, had a short term with non-league Merton and a 12-month spell in South Africa as a coach before going to Sweden. His five-year 125,000 pounds contract with Malmoe is finishing and he has been offered a new and more lucrative four year contract with the club as well as being offered the Swedish national coaching post.

Paderborn, then Wacker 04

From DICK BAER
in West Berlin

New Zealand's national team will play against Hertha 03 in West Berlin on October 6. The game will be at Ernst Reuter Stadium.

White Eagles of Hobart have requested games in West Germany and West Berlin. The Tasmanians will be in Europe in October. Hertha 03 Berlin has agreed to play against White Eagles at the end of October or the beginning of November.

Wacker 04 of West Berlin will be in Australia in January, 1980. The club has its 75th anniversary, then will celebrate the occasion with a round-the-world trip starting in December 1979. Wacker 04 wants to play in Canberra, Sydney, Melbourne and London. One of Wacker 04 is the best player of Haiti, Hiracine who signed for the Berlin club after the World Cup 1974 in West Germany. Wacker's visit will follow that of FC Paderborn in July this year.

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Four of Arsenal's leading players, from top, left to right: Willie Young, Liam Brady, David O'Leary and Pat Rice.

Shoulder and Green showed way to attack

From Page one

Len McKendry is adamant that proper coaching by qualified, experienced coaches is paramount.

And while Australia lacks enough of such coaches, McKendry said England also has problems.

"Players like Steve Short (Essex), Jamie Paton and John Yzendoorn (Slavia) shouldn't have been allowed to leave Britain," said Len. "They all played with professional clubs, but were mostly ignored."

"They weren't coached. That's all there is to it. They are good players but hardly made the grade because nobody worked with them."

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football, McKendry spent the bulk of his playing days in the Southern League.

It was a meeting with Malcolm Allison, the former Manchester City and Crystal Palace coach, that got McKendry on course for a coaching career.

"I knew there was something more to coaching after my time with Watford and Chelsea", said



Len McKendry — preparing Victoria for its clash with Norwich on May 20.

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Famous English coach Malcolm Allison (right) clowning around with Muhammad Ali. Allison provided McKendry's early coaching inspiration.

Len. "Just listening to Malcolm talk about the game was enough to show there was."

McKendry retired from playing at 28 to concentrate on coaching. In the meantime he was self-employed in London.

McKendry started working towards his full F.A. coaching badge. Once again he came into contact with Allison, who gave him his original inspiration to get into coaching.

After two years of work, McKendry achieved his aim. Once again Allison had a large bearing on him.

"I had a few offers from clubs", said Len, "but Malcolm said it meant nothing that I'd passed the course. He told me to work with Juniors, and learn to use the knowledge I had. But Malcolm never rammed anything down my throat."

Over the next few years, McKendry worked in a variety of soccer posts. He met Brian Green, later national coach of Australia, at the yearly summer meeting of F.A. coaches at Lilleshall.

"I was in Australia when Brian was national coach," said Len. "I did a lot of work with him but it was a great disappointment to see him leave."

Green was the man responsible for releasing Australia from its defensive inclinations. I'm sure if he had stayed he could have completed the task. The players were behind him and he worked very hard to change the outlook of the national team.

"Australian teams before Green's time were excellent at defending and getting behind the ball, but Brian wanted a team that would attack and get the ball and play with the opposition."

McKendry said: "Jimmy Shoulder continued in this vein."

"It's all about possession of the ball and keeping possession when going forward," he said.

Len worked closely with Shoulder and is a friend. But McKendry admits Shoulder lacked experience as a team coach.

"But Jimmy did try to develop an attacking national team," said Len. "It's easy to defend, but much harder to get players forward to support and have penetration in attack."

New national coach Rudi Gutendorf breaks out of the Green-

Shoulder mould. Brian and Jim were involved in the Rothmans Coaching Scheme, headed by Eric Worthington.

Green, who hasn't identified with the coaching scheme,

"It doesn't matter where you go in the world, soccer is two goals: a ball and 22 players," said Len. "The problems are the same everywhere."

In turn, proven principles exist that have been tried and tested all over the world. People reject the ideas but can they show me a better way of coaching?

"The English and German coaching schemes are similar. There's no such thing as the F.A. course producing dyed-in-the-wool English coaches, and likewise for the Germans,"

The principles are there for personal interpretation by coaches. No coaching course instructs a coach to follow a method strictly.

"I've worked with and studied coaches like Rinus Michels, Hennes Weisweiler and Dettmar Cramer. I'm positive the principles I follow are correct".

For those who believe soccer is a simple game and just as easy to coach, watching a session of McKendry would be eye-opening. Len has a smile on his face and I'm going only on the recent good performances by his State.

I worked under McKendry at a preliminary coaching course and like many others, was astounded by the complexity of real coaching, and by McKendry's knowledge of soccer.

Basically, McKendry's coaching revolves around the creation of realistic situations in training. Also, coaching to McKendry and his peers is about making a player better by showing the player, (demonstration) not by telling him (verbal instructions).

McKendry was relatively unknown before the success of the State team.

"For me, the State team fills the need for a source of reference. Later this year when I take coaching courses, I will refer to the way the State team approached the game against WIsla Krakow."

"In some areas of the field the players have WIsla space and in other areas the players closed them up quickly."

"An example is the WIsla goalkeeper. We made him kick the ball on many occasions because we covered the players

he could throw to. By doing that, we gave him 50-50 chance of winning his kick."

In other areas we backed off because the WIsla players have excellent ball skills and could beat the State players if they went to them."

McKendry defended his decision to include John Gardner, the transfer-listed Essendon Croatia player.

"John is an excellent player," said Len, "and so I have him in the team. I refuse to talk about age because it's irrelevant."

Too many people categorise because of age. If a player's under 23, then he's promising. Once over 27, the player is mature and experienced.

"But age has little to do with ability. Malcolm Allison introduced Tony Book to First Division soccer at Manchester City at the age of 29, and also had teenagers in his first team. It's ability, not age."

As you have noticed, little has been written about McKendry the person. There is a reason for this.

"I suppose I'm a private person," said Len. "After talking soccer all day I like to go home and do nothing. I won't even answer the door if I'm not expecting anyone."

My job is highly-motivating. In that I'm always trying to communicate to a group of people. It could be players, coaches or students at college, but it requires alertness.

"Sometimes I get exhausted because you can't afford to slacken off. So at the end of the day, I want to switch off and do nothing."

McKendry is unmarried and probably in his mid-thirties. He wouldn't tell me his age.

Coaching has become his life. He's been a full-time coach since coming to Australia three years ago and will probably stay in the rest of England.

Recently the F.A. contacted him with offers to of two jobs in the Middle East, doing development work.

His contract with the Victorian Soccer Federation runs until the end of 1980.

As for the Middle East, McKendry said with a laugh: "I'm not ready for the desert!"

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Score: Frank Muzzell 82nd

SUNSHINE CITY: Clarke 8,

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Nelson 8.5.

PRAHRAN SLAVIA:

McPherson 7, Thomson 7,

Yzendoorn 7.5, Westley 7,

Brindle (sent off) 9.5, Train 8,

Whiteside 6.5, Monaghan 7,

Williams 8, Paton 5.5, Aldridge

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*In an even game, the sending off of Slavia's Billy Brindle allowed Sunshine to capitalise and emerge victorious over fourth-placed Slavia.**Both teams took several minutes to settle down and play attractive soccer. Slavia, looking the more creative was to create first danger. Peter Clarke, playing a goal for Sunshine and making his first appearance against his old club, was forced to save at the feet of Jim Williams early in the game.**Sunshine was forced to defend for the first ten minutes, but soon after, Hugh Howe had a tackle in midfield, found Dave Belson, who beat his opponent then laid the ball off for Wilf Laing to drive low and hard into the side netting. For the first time Sunshine let Slavia know that it was also in the game.**In the 20th minute Sunshine conceded a corner. John Yzendoorn sent it in to the far post. A sensible save referee Tony Beazley turned down an excited Slavia appeal for what appeared to be a definite hand ball by Rob Nelson inside the area.**Playing above Sunshine, Slavia continued to apply the pressure. Yzendoorn, wide on the right touch-line, cut inside his opponent and drove the ball toward the far post searching for Jamie Paton, but Clarke saved well, holding the ball cleanly in the wide corridor.**Slavia played wide through Yzendoorn and Williams on alternative touch-lines, crossing far post balls in the attempt to find either Paton or Steve Aldridge.**Whereas Sunshine played straight up the middle, but lacked patience in and around the penalty area.**In one of Paton's rare moments on the ball, due to brilliant marking by Steve Ellis, he beat three opponents in the area, rounded Clarke, but in desperation overran the ball to allow a Nick Lowe clearance. Minutes later Lowe again cleared but only as far as**Brian Monaghan who, with his 20 yard half-volley brought out yet another fine save from the diving Clarke.**Slavia again called upon Clarke in the 36th minute when Aldridge put Yzendoorn through with only the keeper to beat. Yzendoorn's part shot was superb but not good enough to beat back-in-form Clarke. This was perhaps Slavia's best chance of scoring.**Sunshine contained Slavia until the interval. Mike Dixey received the yellow card for kicking the ball away from a Slavia's player in a violent manner against him.**Jim Train, Williams and Yzendoorn impressed for Slavia while among the best for Sunshine were Dave Nelson, Dennis Morovic, Clarke and Ellis.**Slavia, relaxing after the break, found themselves under constant pressure from the revived Sunshine team. Hugh Howe nodded down for Frank Muzzell to shoot from six yards. The shot beat Alex McPherson but Jim Train was there to clear off the line.**More than 100 spectators' low-drill across the goal line had the sliding Dixey conceding a corner before Muzzell could get a look in.**Jamie Paton was taken out of the game by the outstanding performance of Steve Ellis. He was so good that a PSL club official at the game to observe the tournament before leaving. "I came to watch Paton but I think I'll buy Steve Ellis."**This tall, young centre-half won everything in the air, and didn't give Paton an inch.**Wilf Laing, Dave Nelson and Stuart Gilmour, who replaced the injured Mike Paisley in the 25th minute, continually harassed the Slavia defence. But when Williams and Aldridge combined together with assistance from Billy Brindle, Slavia also looked dangerous.**The game completely turned in favour of the home team in the 74th minute when referee Beazley showed no hesitation in giving Brindle red-card marching orders for kicking wildly at the legs of Muzzell after a frustrating passage of play. Slavia now with only ten men was over-powered by the renowned "fighting spirit" of Sunshine.**Paton told for Sunshine in the 82nd minute. One of the Nelson's enterprise loan balls found Muzzell in a one-on-one situation about 20 yards from goal. Constructive talking let Muzzell know that the keeper was well off his line. After measuring up the situation, he cleverly turned the lobbed over the retreating McPherson to put Sunshine on the road to victory.**Frankson's efforts have been well-planned and made possible only by the sponsor approached by the club. These include Frankton Chrysler, Singapore Airlines, Dandenong Tourist Bureau, Ahrome Away Pty. Ltd. and the Easter Suburbs Permanent**Gas</i*

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BRIAN POLLOCK



This week's match: v **HEIDELBERG UNITED** at Olympic Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.

HEIDELBERG UNITED

P.O. BOX 8, COLLINGWOOD, 3066

SECRETARY: A. Loustas 419 2588.

COACH: J. Margaritis.

GROUND: Olympic Park, Swan St., Melb. (03) 42 0642.

COLOURS: Black & Gold.

GIRLS WHO WISH TO TAKE PART IN MISS ALEXANDER QUEST SHOULD CONTACT THE SECRETARY.

This week's match: v **CANBERRA CITY** at Olympic Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.



FOOTSCRAY

P.O. BOX 122, ST KILDA SOUTH, 3182

SPONSOR:

JAT



SECRETARY: H. Iser bus (03) 391 3231

COACH: M. Ruzmir

GROUND: Olympic Park, Swan St., Melb (03) 42 0642

COLOURS: Blue White Red.

This week's match: v **WEST ADELAIDE** at Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm.

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED

4 NORTHWOOD ST., ADAMSTOWN HEIGHTS, N.S.W., 2289

SECRETARY: P. Trisley, Bus. (049) 24930 (049) 26 2433

COACH: A. Vest

GROUND: International Sports Centre, Turton Rd., New Lambton. Ph (049) 52 1224

SPONSOR: Tooth & Co., Brewers of KB Beer



This week's match: v **SYDNEY CITY** at International Sports Centre (Newcastle) Saturday 2.30 pm.

MARCONI

MARCONI ROAD, BOSSLEY PARK, N.S.W. 2176

SECRETARY: L. Sartoretto (02) 604 5222.

COACH: L. Scheinflug.

GROUND: Marconi Oval, Marconi Rd., Bossley Park.



This week's match: v **A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT** at Wentworth Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

SOUTH MELBOURNE

P.O. BOX 64, ST. KILDA WEST, VIC. 3182

SECRETARY: N. Sagiakos, Bus (03) 211 1247

COACH: D. McKay

GROUND: Middle Park, Aughtie Drive, Middle Park

COLOURS: Blue & White

Girls who wish to enter Miss South Melbourne quest please contact N. Sagiakos 528 6196 (A.H.) P. Pallas 232 4577 (Bus), 233 2514 (A.H.).

This week's match: v **ADELAIDE CITY** at Middle Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.



ST. GEORGE

84 VICTORIA AVENUE, MORTDALE, N.S.W.

GENERAL MANAGER: L. Bordacs (02) 269 2745.

COACH: R. Blanco

GROUND: St George Stadium, Rockdale

COLOURS: White, Red & Green.



This week's match: v **BRISBANE CITY** at Perry Park (Brisbane) Sunday 3 pm.

WEST ADELAIDE

G.P.O. BOX 1130, ADELAIDE S.A., 5001

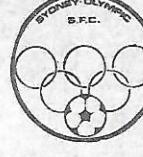
SECRETARY: D. A. Carapetis, Bus. (08) 227 4311.

COACH: T. Forde.

GROUND: Hindmarsh Stadium, Manton St., Hindmarsh.



This week's match: v **FOOTSCRAY** at Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm.



SYDNEY OLYMPIC

BOX A181 SYDNEY SOUTH, N.S.W., 2000

SECRETARY: N Smilas (Bus) (02) 72 0661

COACH: J. Marston.

GROUND: Pratten Park, Ashfield.

SPONSOR: optra

This week's match: v **BRISBANE LIONS** at Pratten Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT

38-42 FRAZER ST., LEICHHARDT 4040.

SECRETARY: H. Ambrose (02) 516 1688

COACH: R. Richards

GROUND: Wentworth Park, Glebe. Phone (02) 660 7431.

COLOURS: Burgundy & Sky Blue.

This week's match: v **MARCONI** at Wentworth Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



SYDNEY CITY

61 HALL ST., BONDI, NSW.

SECRETARY: H. K. Lakmaker (02) 30 3344 (Mornings).

663 4576 (Afternoons).

COACH: G. Chaldi.

GROUND: Wentworth Park Glebe, NSW Phone (02) 660 7431.

SPONSOR: PRESTO SMALLGOODS and City Ford.

This week's match: v **NEWCASTLE KB UNITED** at International Sports Centre (Newcastle) Saturday 2.30 pm.

